(b) whether a new cadre management policy is proposed to be introduced for all these All India Services; and

(c) whether some new rules and procedures would be adopted for the officers of All India Cadre going on deputation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) No, Sir. Need based recruitment to the All India Services and other Services will be made.

(b) and (c) Steps have been initiated to implement the decisions of the Supreme Court regarding computation of the Direct Recruitment and Promotion quotas for the All India Services.

Achievements of K.D. Malaviya Institute and Institute of Drilling Technology

138. SHRI PARESHWAR KUMAR AGGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the specific achievements of the K.D. Malviya Institute and the Institute of Drilling Technology, year-wise; including in the fields of exploration and drilling technology;

(b) how do these compare with the technologies of the developed countries the world over;

(c) the extent upto which such exploration and drilling technologies developed by these institutes have been adopted in the country and with what results;

(d) the yearly budget of these two institutions during the last five years and to what extent these have been utilised for R&D; and

(e) the reasons for import of technology in the related fields inspite of these two premier institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Crisis in NTPC

139. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC is facing crisis with mounting dues of SEBs and is under World Bank's threat to stop all loans;

(b) if so, the factors identified according to the analysis, if any, made by Government therefor;

(c) what is the overall impact of the NTPCs cash crunch on its expansion programme, ongoing projects and capacity additon; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present situation is due to poor financial and physical health of SEBs. Amongst the primary reason of poor financial health of SEBs is sub-optimal pricing policy followed by mosts SEBs for supply of electricity, high transmission and distribution losses including pilferage of electricity and relatively unsatisfactory receivable position of SEBs.

(c) The inadequate realisation of dues will adversely affect the expansion programme of National Thermal Power Corporation including on-going projects. This will also affect the existing and future loans from multilateral lending agencies.

(d) The Government have taken a number of measures to improve the situation which include recovery of all outstanding dues from State Electricity Boards (SEBs) by appropriation from the plan assistance to the respective states. Future supply of power shall only be against the advance payments or irrevocable Letters of Credit by SEBs.

Crisis of Badarpur Thermal Power Plant

140. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some units of Badarpur Thermal Power Plant have been shut-down;

(b) whether there is any crisis in that Power Plant;

(c) whether it is on the verge of closure;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of steps taken to identify the bottlenecks so that the plant functions well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHAIR): (a) Yes, Sir. From time to time the BTPS units have been taken out on shut-down due to various reasons such as for attending to planned maintenance, equipment break-down, coal shortage, etc.

(b) and (e) The BTPS has problems of coal shortage and short payments by DESU. The matter is attended to from time to time as and when the need arises.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Review of Tehri Hydro Project Policy

141. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had any understanding with the noted environmentalist Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna in breaking of his fast, to shut down Tehri Hydro Project or to review project policy in view of rehabilitaiton of oustees and future environmental hazards;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the amount of funds spent on this project so far and the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) In the context of objections raised against the project by Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna who went on fast in April, 1996 demanding review of the Tehri Hydro-electric Project and in order to facilitate a proper solution to the problem, Government is providing to a Group of Experts suggested by Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna, all facilities to examine the relevant scientific and technical reports and other information relating to the safety of the Tehri Dam. Government has also set up a committee to examine the ecological aspects and resettlement of displaced persons.

(c) The construction activities at the Project site are continuing and the coffer dam has been raised to a height of EL 661 metres. An expenditure of Rs. 1118.24 crores (provisional) has been incurred by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation on the project upto October, 1996.

Land to Delhi Slum Improvement Board to relocate J.J. Colonies

142. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Jhuggi-Jhopri clusters are scattered all over Delhi;

(b) whether most of these slum dwellers live in most unhygienic conditions and inhabitants of the areas around them also feel the impact of filth and ugliness;

(c) if so, whether Government would provide land to the Delhi Slum Improvement Board to relocate these J.J. clusters; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) According to a survey carried out by the Slum Department of MCD in March, 1994, there were about 1080 JJ Clusters all over Delhi.

(b) to (d) To improve the quality of life and solve the problems of the Slum Dwellers, Government of NCT of Delhi is implementing the following three pronged strategy:—

(i) Re-location/re-settlement of eligible JJ Dwellers from the land urgently required for public projects;

(ii) Provision of minimum basic amenities in the JJ Clusters which are situated on such public land as are earmarked for public projects but not immediately required for implementation; and